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Vehicles

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Procurement of Cadillac Limousine
for the D/CI

1. In accordance with instructions from the Director of Logistics contact was made with General Services Administration regarding the procurement of the following described vehicle:

Cadillac limousine, black, complete with radio, air-conditioner, automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, white sidewall tires, also, an alternator which replaces standard generating equipment (Estimated Cost: \$6,800.00).

2. Contact was made with G.S.A. representatives on Monday, 18 February 1957. It was pointed out to them that the procurement of this vehicle was to be predicated on enabling legislation being passed by the Congress authorizing the Director to overtly procure this type vehicle. Since the delivery of the vehicle has a lead time of approximately 45 days after receipt of firm order, request was made of G.S.A. to cooperate by advertising the requirement sometime in early May, on the assumption that the Agency would be in a position to stipulate the Congressional approval in writing at that time. It was further understood that G.S.A. could not place a firm commitment with the contractor prior to the beginning of the Fiscal Year (1 July 1957) inasmuch as the funding available would of necessity be FY '58 funds. This procedure would permit the preliminary procurement actions to be taken early enough for the ultimate delivery of the vehicle to be made in early July. The foregoing procedure is predicated on normal overt procurement.

3. Contact was also made with Mr. John Riggs, General Motors Government Representative on Tuesday, 19 February 1957 with regard to this matter. He indicated that in the event his company was the successful bidder on this vehicle, that they would cooperate with G.S.A. in every way to assure earliest possible delivery in July of the vehicle.

4. The undersigned will bring this matter to the attention of the Director of Logistics approximately 1 May 1957 in order that action can be initiated.

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